

Typical VALOR Student Schedule

Week 1	Orientation
Week 2	Pharmacy Phone Center/ Anti-coagulation clinic
Week 3	Pharmacy Phone Center/ Anti-coagulation clinic
Week 4	Outpatient Pharmacy
Week 5	Outpatient Pharmacy
Week 6	Outpatient Pharmacy
Week 7	Project Work
Week 8	Inpatient Pharmacy
Week 9	Inpatient Pharmacy
Week 10	Inpatient Pharmacy, elective days, project presentation, check out

Doctor of pharmacy students who are finishing their second professional year of pharmacy school and are US citizens, with a minimum of a 3.0 GPA who can work 400 hours from May 25, 2010 through August 6, 2010 are welcome to apply for this program by submitting a:

- Cover letter
- Curriculum vitae (CV)
- Transcripts (including fall semester grades) and
- One letter of recommendation

Address application materials to:

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Deadline for application: January 15, 2010
Applicants will be notified regarding
interviews starting late January.

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VALOR Program

**Veterans Affairs Learning
Opportunity Residency**

Pharmacy

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Health Care System**

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Veterans Affairs Learning Opportunity Residency (VALOR) Program

The Southern Arizona VA Healthcare System (SAVAHCS) is an integrated Veteran's Affairs healthcare system consisting of 200 acute care beds, 100 geriatrics beds, three primary care teams and associated specialty clinics, and seven community based outpatient clinics (CBOCs) in Tucson's outlying areas serving 45,000 veterans annually. A wide range of inpatient and ambulatory care services are provided in the medical center including internal medicine, primary care, surgery, neurology, infectious diseases, nephrology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, rheumatology, pulmonary, cardiology, oncology, and mental health. SAVAHCS is the neurosurgery and cardiac referral center for the Southwest Region (VISN 18). The pharmacy provides progressive clinical services to the medical center with 100 pharmacy staff members, including over 40 clinical pharmacists in a variety of practice settings. The medical center has a strong affiliation to the University of Arizona allied healthcare professions. Students and residents from many disciplines are trained at SAVAHCS each year, including eight pharmacy residents, and many students from several colleges of pharmacy.

The Pharmacy VALOR Program is an honors program that provides opportunities for outstanding students to develop competencies in pharmacy practice while working at an approved VA healthcare facility. Opportunities for learning include didactic experiences, clinical practice

with a qualified pharmacist preceptor, and participation in pharmacy practice conferences. Students recruited for the program must have completed the second professional year (or 4 completed semesters hours equivalent in a year round program) of education at an Accreditation Council of Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE) accredited School or College of Pharmacy.

Opportunities for learning while include inpatient pharmacy practice including distribution, IV admixture, hospital operations, working with clinicians on medication reconciliation and/or discharge counseling and documenting in the medical record.

Training in the ambulatory care practice will include working in the outpatient pharmacy filling prescriptions, counseling patients, screening medication related questions in the Pharmacy Phone Center, assisting in the Anti-coagulation Clinic, and documenting in the medical record.

Each student will complete a project during their 10-week internship.

The VALOR program is a paid internship.

VALOR Program Goals and Objectives

Didactic Objectives

The VALOR student will be able to:

1. Describe the organizational structure of pharmacy services at SAVAHCS
2. Develop competence through demonstration of knowledge and skills in the delivery of pharmaceutical care to patients

3. Identify processes that help to ensure continuity of direct patient care across health care delivery settings
4. Understand and participate in the distribution process for both the inpatient and outpatient pharmacies

Clinical Objectives

Competence will be assessed by the VALOR student's ability to:

1. Establish a collaborative working relationship with physicians and other healthcare providers in the health system
2. Establish a collaborative professional pharmacist patient relationship
3. Utilize knowledge gained from pharmacy education to design evidence-based monitoring plans for therapeutic regimens
4. Provide concise, applicable, comprehensive and timely responses to requests for drug information from patients and health care providers
5. Document patient-care activities appropriately

Additional Education Resources

VALOR students will have the opportunity to attend twice weekly management conferences which cover various topics relevant for both inpatient and primary care providers. Located within the VA is a medical library which contains numerous medical textbooks and maintains subscriptions to approximately 300 medical journals. Students will also have full online access to Up To Date, MD Consult and OVID/Medline. Other specific drug references also include Micromedex, AHFS Drug Information and USP DI.